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Newsletter for Sunday, 21st January 2024, Third Sunday of the Year – Sunday of the Word of God.

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We pray for the Parish of Hunstanton, the Holy Land, Ukraine, the Catholic Community in Prek Toal, Cambodia, and SVP in Kerala, India.

Mass Times this week

Saturday 6.30pm
Sunday 9.00 am,
 11.00 am,
Monday 9.30 am, Feria
Tuesday 9.30 am, Feria

Memorial Acc: Save us, Saviour...

Tommy Coughlan RIP
People of the Parish
Marek Tomczyk RIP
Ming's intentions
Tom Higgins RIP

Wednesday 12.15 pm, St Francis de Sales *Ann Nettleship Page RIP*

Thursday 9.30 am, THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

Fr Olindo Cramaro's ints. (Platinum Jubilee)

Friday 12.15 pm, SS Timothy & Titus *Fr Michael Butler RIP*

Saturday 10.00 am, Our Lady *Thanksgiving (Ming)*

6.30 pm, (4th Sunday of the Year) *William Cooper RIP*

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Saturday, 10.30 am, or by appointment. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**, Friday, 11.40 am – 12.10 pm, before Mass.

White Flower Appeal today for the campaign work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children for the unborn and all human life.

Teas and coffees after 9.00 and 11.00 am Mass. **Children's Liturgy** at 11.00 am Mass today. **Rosary** at 11.45 am on Wednesdays, before Mass.

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity continues until Thursday. **The United Service** will be held this Sunday evening at 6.00 pm in Ely Methodist Church, Chapel Street. **Choral Evensong** in Ely Cathedral on Monday, 22nd January, at 5.30 pm. There will also be a **Soup Lunch** at Ely Methodist Church at midday on Thursday, 25th January, the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul and last day of the Octave. All are warmly welcome to all these gatherings.

Our next Church Cleaning is on Saturday, 3rd February, at 11.30 am. If you have an hour or so to spare, please come along as many hands makes light work! We have buckets, mops, cloths etc but feel free to bring your own. Thank you so much to everyone who is helping to keep our church clean and tidy.

Prayers for Ukraine Please take a prayer card featuring the miraculous icon of the Mother of God of Sambir, venerated by Ukrainian Greek Catholics.

Please pray for Father Olindo Cramaro, retired at Peterborough, who celebrates the 70th Anniversary of his Ordination on Wednesday, **for all our sick and housebound brothers and sisters and for the Anniversaries** of Arthur Brunning, Johanna Tombs, Thomas Wiston, Vladimir Kizla, Peter Bond, Alexandra Lavender, Theresa Wilson, Michelle Delaroche, David Ludbrook, Mary Walker, Gill Blunt, Jeanette Blake, Louise Russell, Maria Holmes & Thomas Ryan. RIP

2024 Diocesan Year Books are now on sale at the back of the church, £3 each. Packed with information and the full Liturgical Calendar for 2024.

Inviting young people (age 16 – 30) to Transform for Lent It might seem that Christmas was only yesterday but already it's not long until Lent! The Ignite Team are hosting a weekend retreat for young people at Clare Priory the weekend before Lent begins (10th – 11th February). Contemporary music, inspiring talks and passionate prayer times. For more information and to book a place see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Collections last weekend *Parish*: £600.36; *Pax Christi*: £133.62; *Cambodia*: £5 (Total £197.25); *Dependent Priests' Fund*: £5 (Total £629.42); *Crib Offerings*: £150.79. *Christmas Offering*: £20 (Total £2020.07). Thank you all for being so generous.

Message from CAFOD East Anglia: Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our Church? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to join them in their mission. Could you help visit our local schools, campaign for justice, visit parishes, or take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with East Anglia's CAFOD representative, Jane Crone, jcrone@cafod.org.uk

>>> Coming up: SVP next meets Monday, 29th January, at 7.30 pm. **Parish Bible Study and Prayer Group** meets Saturday, 3rd February, at 10.45 am.

For the Catholic Chaplain in Addenbrooke's, call the Chaplains' Office, 01223 217769. **Relationship difficulties** Contact Marriage Care 0800 3893801

Holy Baptism Congratulations and every blessing to Emma Michela D'Attoma, baptised last Sunday, and to her parents, Roberto and Laura, and family.

God bless you this week, Deacon Paul and Father David.

Prayers of the Faithful – Third Sunday of the Year 2024

Priest:

Having listened to the Word of God, let us offer our prayers to the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Reader:

For the Church: may the Lord draw all Christians closer together in love and service of God and of our neighbour...
Lord, hear us.

For the Church, in the Holy Land and for the people of the Holy Family Parish in Gaza: may the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus strengthen our faith and renew hope in all our hearts...

Lord, hear us.

For the victims of war and conflict, in Ukraine and in the Middle East, those being held hostage, those driven from their homes and those who are injured or bereaved: may the Lord comfort and sustain them in their suffering and their struggle for peace and justice...

Lord, hear us.

For our brothers and sisters who are sick and for those who care for them, in hospital or at home...

Lord, hear us.

For Tony Brady and for all who have died recently and for those we remember this month: may the Lord of life and love have mercy on them...

Lord, hear us.

We pause to bring our own needs to God...

Let us seek the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, Mother of the Word Incarnate: Hail Mary...

Priest: Lord, hear us, as we cry to you.

Make us walk in your truth, and teach us:

for you are God our Saviour.

We make this and all our prayers,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

